

REMARKS

In response to the points raised in the Official Action, applicants initially note that the format used for presenting the claims in the prior response was correct in that all the claims were identified and for the claim that was then currently amended, the deletions and additions were shown with bracketing and underlining respectively. That same format is now being used with respect all the claims and particularly with respect to claim 2 (although the identifier "Previously Presented" has now been used for some of the claims) and applicants believe that the revisions to the claim fully meets the questions raised by the Examiner in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. For instance, the relationship between the anodic oxidation coating and the recording layer is set forth with greater precision as is the vacancy ratio and how it is determined. Accordingly, claim 2 and the claims which depend therefrom are believed to define subject matter with sufficient clarity so that those of ordinary skill in the art can determine what is within the scope of the claims and what is not which all that is required by the statute.

Turning to the issue of the drawings and the descriptions thereof, applicants have followed one of the alternatives suggested by the Examiner by canceling the description of Figure 2 that was previously added to page 35 of the specification and by submitting a new drawing concurrently herewith which removes all reference numbers, but leaves the descriptive wording. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review, approve and enter the new drawing.

Since all matters raised in the Official Action are believed to be met by the instant Amendment, applicants further request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Sheets (Figs. 1 and 2)